

Connections

July 2012

Respect, Honor, Remember

Ground was broken on June 8 at the location for the Fallen Worker Memorial, just to the west of MoDOT's Central Office in Jefferson City. Archie Daily, Transportation Employee Association President, gathered with representatives of MoDOT and the association for the traditional breaking of the ground.

Assistant Chief Engineer Don Hillis explained that the Fallen Worker Memorial is a great monument to the people of MoDOT who have lost their lives in the line of duty. He also noted what's really special about the memorial is that MoDOT employees and the Employee Association have worked hard to raise a significant amount of money for this

monument, having fundraising events to secure the needed dollars.

Daily said the Association greatly appreciated all of the support from MoDOT management during the fundraising events, particularly the Rides for Remembrance, which raised a great deal of money.

The memorial will be a reminder to current and future employees and to the public that there are people out there doing their job in work zones and we need to be mindful and make sure we get those employees home safe every day.

"Every time we've lost somebody it's been tragic and it's been painful," said Hillis. "This is going to be a great tribute to those folks that we all miss dearly."



Pictured left to right: Employee Association President for the Central District Duane Kliethermes; former District Engineer for the Central District Roger Schwartz; TEAM President Archie Daily; Assistant Chief Engineer Don Hillis and Director Kevin Keith.

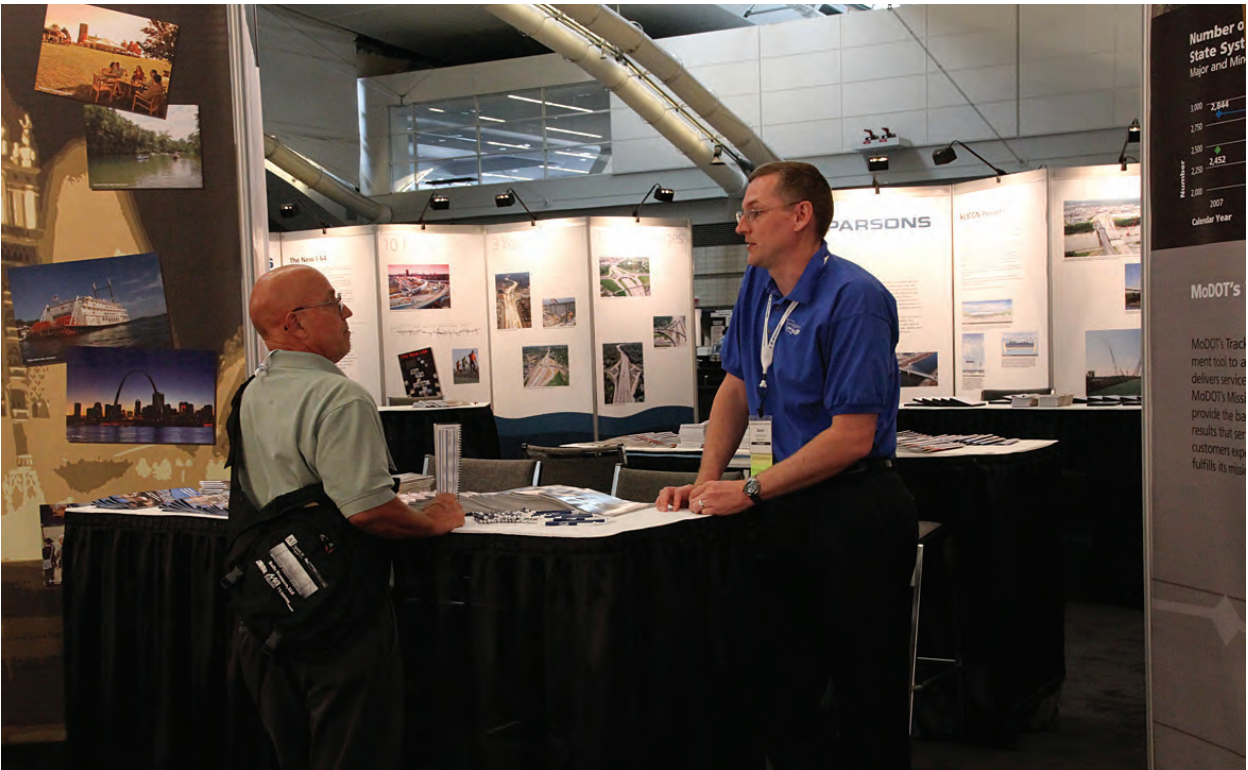
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MoDOT Featured at International Bridge Conference

The 29th annual International Bridge Conference was held last month in Pittsburgh. The theme "The Sky is the Limit" represented the unlimited diversity and creativity of the international bridge industry. What was most impressive about this year's conference? MoDOT was the featured agency. Assistant Chief Engineer Don Hillis was invited as one of the keynote speakers and Structural Resource Manager Bryan Hartnagel chaired the featured agency technical session.

Don's keynote address focused on national and statewide funding challenges. He also discussed the strategies MoDOT has implemented such as practical design, practical operations and the Bolder Five-Year Direction, to cut costs and put as much money as possible on our roadways.

Hartnagel's technical session included six presentations related to Missouri bridge projects of note. State Bridge Engineer Dennis Heckman started out the session with a short presentation about the statistics of our bridge system including number of bridges, percent deficient and estimated



David Straatmann, structural resource manager, Bridge Division, visits with a conference attendee at the MoDOT featured agency exhibit space.

cost to rehabilitate deficient structures. The session continued with presentations grouped under two separate themes. The first theme focused on Innovative Project Delivery and included presentations on

the New I-64, the New Mississippi River Bridge, the Safe & Sound Program and keICON. The second theme highlighted Major River Bridge superstructure re-

placements and featured presentations on the completed Glasgow and Miami Missouri River superstructure replacements

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and the westbound Blanchette Bridge superstructure replacement.

MoDOT hosted a 50’ by 50’ exhibit area in the center of the exhibit hall. All of the above six presentations were highlighted in the exhibit space as well as four other displays highlighting MoDOT’s use of the diverging diamond interchange, MoDOT’s safety improvements, MoDOT’s Tracker document and Missouri Tourism. Our design and construction partners related to the projects made the presentations and sponsored the exhibits.

“It was quite an honor being the featured agency,” said Hartnagel. “The projects that we highlighted to share with the attendees were very successful thanks to innovative and creative thinking and partnering with the right organizations. We hope others will be able to put into practice some of the things we shared with them.” For more information see <http://www.eswp.com/bridge>.



Bryan Hartnagel, structural resource manager, Bridge Division and a large audience listen to Martin Furrer of Parsons present the kclCON Project at the Featured Agency Technical Session.

Dennis Forbis

MoDOT – A Partner for Education

by Jim Dickson



Senior Structural Designer Brandon Hansberry offers some tips to students during a bridge building competition.

Most of us can look back at a role model or an event that focused our interest toward a particular career. For many of us, it was a teacher or a career day at school. Perhaps eighth-grade students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School may one day reminisce about how they got interested in the transportation industry at a business partner day. MoDOT staff from various divisions presented an exciting day of hands-on activities on May 10 for the annual Thomas Jefferson Patriots and Partners Day.

MoDOT’s Central Office has partnered with Thomas Jefferson Middle School as part of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce’s Partners in Education program. The daylong respite from traditional classes is aimed at getting students interested in math and science classes, as well as offering a glimpse of various transportation career options.

While teachers got a break from their normal routine, students were busy

building bridges in the bridge competition and learning more about an archeologist’s role in transportation. In addition, the eighth graders were a perfect audience for safety messages and had a lot of fun participating in activities such as the seat belt convincer. The fatal vision goggles also gave students a compelling look at the dangers of impaired driving.

Reaching out to these students was an enriching experience for both the Patriots and their partners. The seeds were planted. With a little luck, a few may grow into a transportation employee.

If you didn’t have a chance to volunteer for the day, there are still ways you can get involved in the Partners in Education program from mentoring to classroom participation to the MoTOR program. For more information, contact Darla Gjesvold, with Equal Opportunity and Diversity, at 573.522.9482 or Darla.Gjesvold@modot.mo.gov.

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In order to manage costs and put more money toward the maintenance of Missouri’s highways, Motor Carrier Services will change its hours of operations and some transaction procedures.

Starting Monday, July 2, 2012, MoDOT Motor Carrier Services will make a slight adjustment to its office hours. Doors will open and agents will be available by phone 30 minutes later than before, with new hours of 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. This allows more agents to assist customers during the busiest times of the day.

“We studied telephone and visitor reports and learned that this small change could make a big difference for our customers,” said Jan Skouby, MCS director. “Our busiest times occur later

in the work day. By opening 30 minutes later, we can schedule more agents to be available when our phone and Internet queues are busiest.”

The data also showed that few customers conduct business with MCS on holidays, so beginning with Columbus Day 2012, MoDOT Motor Carrier Services will close on all State holidays. MoDOT Carrier Express, the online “agent” is available 24 hours a day, every day.

Starting Monday, July 16, 2012, those who choose to visit MCS’ Jefferson City office in person must come fully prepared to complete the transactions they request.

“We found that we spent many hours tracking down information or performing calculations for visiting customers,

while those who provided complete documentation waited for us to complete their transactions,” said Skouby. “In the interest of fairness, motor carriers who arrive without complete documentation can leave what they do have and send in the remaining pages by email or fax or they can return at another time with complete paperwork.”

MCS suggests that before making a trip, carriers check the MCS website, www.modot.org/mcs or call for a complete list of documents, calculations and receipts needed. MoDOT agents will not calculate mileage, fuel tax or other figures. This work must be completed by the motor carrier.

Trash Bash Stats

This is the tenth year of MoDOT and the Department of Conservation teaming up for the Bash. Its primary purpose is to encourage Missourians to join the annual “spring cleaning” and help Missouri become a litter-free state.

- Almost 130,000 bags of litter were collected during the Bash.
- MoDOT maintenance crews collected more than 35,000 bags.
- Crews in the Kansas City district picked up almost 12,000 bags.
- Adopt-A-Highway groups picked up more than 17,000 bags.
- Adopter groups in the Central District had the highest total collecting 4,355 bags.

Thanks to everyone for another great Bash!

Barrel Bob Earns National Recognition

At 11 feet tall, Barrel Bob has an oversized presence in highway construction zones – and his 4,600 fans make him a social media giant on Facebook, too.

It might be difficult for the self-appointed guardian of maintenance and construction crews to remain humble in light of the national recognition he received for his Facebook account.

Bob earned second place in the Facebook category of the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil/Gold Screen Awards com-

petition. Northeast District Customer Relations Manager and NAGC member Marisa Ellison accepted the award on Bob’s behalf.

“I’m honored,” said Bob, through his social media manager, Central Office’s DeAnne Rickabaugh. “On my Facebook account, I try to remind my fans to pay attention, mind their speed and drive defensively, especially in work zones. We also celebrate everything orange and share really bad jokes.”

Bob tries to strike a balance between education and fun, knowing that

Facebook visitors tend to read their accounts when relaxing. However, he fully expects those who read his words to remember the safety messages when they encounter a work zone.

Created by a contractor involved in the kcICON project to combat crashes caused by inattentive driving – and subsequently donated to MoDOT - Barrel Bob now appears statewide while his beloved counterpart, Barrel Betty, stokes the home fires in Kansas City.

Join Bob and his band of fans at www.facebook.com/MoBarrelBob

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Work to place the memorial will begin shortly. Daily said everyone is looking forward to the dedication ceremony, which will be held on July 16 at the memorial location. Further details will be forthcoming.

A site map of the location and a video of the groundbreaking ceremony can be found on the Website at <http://www.modot.mo.gov/workzones/memorial.htm>.



Pictured left to right: Kathy Zona, NASA Glenn Research Center and 2012 Competitions Chairperson; Marisa Ellison, customer delations manager for MoDOT’s NE District and newly elected Competitions Chairperson to the NAGC Board for the 2013 Blue Pencil/Gold Screen Awards; Jennifer Lohr, President of NAGC, and Cheryl Chambers, U.S. Census Bureau.

An exuberant Bob after receiving his award.

MoDOT Photographer Recognized

Another area where MoDOT shined at the International Bridge Conference was during the photo competition. Central Office’s Senior Multimedia Services Specialist Cathy Morrison received top honors for two of her original photos. Cathy received first place in the competition with her night shot of the

fully illuminated Alton Bridge, which spans the Mississippi River north of St. Louis. She also won third place for her shot of the Eads Bridge in St. Louis. Cathy’s award winning entries left only second place to be won by another state other than Missouri. Well done Cathy!



First place photo of the Alton Bridge

July Service Anniversaries

35 Years		Jay R. Schroeder	CO
Weston K. Smith	NE	George H. Davis	CO
30 Years		Steve D. Owens	CO
Robey L. Farr	NE	Kenneth A. Tuttle	CO
Kenneth D. Strube	CD	Sue E. Olson	CO
Douglas R. Thomas	CD	Brian F. Reagan	CO
Michael S. Corl	SE	Misty M. Finley	CO
Lenard A. Dedrick	CO	15 Years	
25 Years		Lance E. Murry	NW
Mike L. Mudd	NW	Steven G. Walkup	NW
Frank L. Allen	NW	Donald L. Smith	NE
Shari R. Dye	NE	Richard A. Gaul	NE
Ronald T. Laney	CD	Frances M. Whiteaker	KC
Charles L. Rowden	SL	Anthony C. Wood	CD
Charles Wiggins	SL	Kelvin R. Mack	SL
Glenn B. Fortner	SE	Allen W. Day	SL
20 Years		James A. Eagles	SW
John F. Miller	NW	Dallas L. McRoy	SE
Deanna J. Culver	NW	Ronald W. Reynolds	SE
Michael E. Rinehart	NW	Travis Stanback	SE
Curtis L. Elam	NE	Connie G. Shaw	CO
Donna J. Martin	NE	Ronald J. Rudroff	CO
Susan G. Ledbetter	NE	Mara K. Campbell	CO
Robert W. Teter	NE	10 Years	
Joseph G. Donner	KC	Christopher B. Cole	NW
Amy K. Garnett	KC	Richard L. Messner	NW
William Harris	KC	Clara M. Winkler	KC
Peggy J. Higgins	CD	Patrick J. Wulff	CD
Kenneth R. Maass	SL	Anthony W. Carusa	SL
Timothy J. Lindeman	SW	Darrell J. Hoyer	SW
Garry L. Hall	SW	Michael L. Marion	SW
Jeffrey K. Lambert	SE	Floyd A. Morrow	SW
Mark D. Pfeffer	SE	Terry S. Nailling	SE
Alberta M. Green	SE	James N. Smith	CO
David M. Koenig	CO	Pamela A. Hoelscher	CO
Carol S. Wieberg	CO		

5 Years		Justin E. Owens	SW
Bradley A. Bowles	NW	Lehman L. Alderson	SW
Clint A. Grgurich	NW	Jeffery R. Phipps	SW
Gavin T. Poe	NE	Mark A. Nichols	SE
Sally A. Butterworth	KC	Troy L. Cagle	SE
William L. DeGroat	KC	Shaun T. Hendrix	SE
Jeffrey G. Eggeling	KC	Sheree A. Faenger	SE
Melissa A. Neff	KC	Leroy G. Devonshire	SE
Michael A. Scarpitta	KC	Lakesha McClain	CO
Edward H. Neil	KC	Sarah L. Navarro	CO
Jason P. Schaperclaus	CD	Lawrence Redel	CO
Chris D. Bain	SL	Randy M. Pringer	CO
Casey M. Henning	SL	Mary H. Plassmeyer	CO
Jeffrey D. Caffey	SW	Paula J. Wilbers	CO
		Ruth A. Eggemeyer	CO

May Retirements			In Memoriam		
Name	District	Years of Service	Active Employee		
Kirby Pierpoint	NW	22	David Woodside	CO	May 14
Leo Healy	NW	23	Retirees		
Macky Reed	NW	26	Norman Devine	Former D5	May 4
Theodore Smith	NE	36	David Mawhirter	Former D4	May 4
Gina Dille	NE	34	Thomas Cook	Former D7	May 5
Harold Reeder	KC	34	August Morlock	CO	May 7
Jeffery Wesley	KC	32	Junior Butler	Former D8	May 11
Joe Pryor	KC	24	Donald Jost	Former D6	May 16
Anthony Evans	CD	25	Ruben Schorzman	Former D7	May 23
Brad Dake	CD	27	Elmer Hana	Former D6	May 26
Wade Lindley	CD	29	Norma Auslam	Former D8	May 29
Greg Storm	SW	27			
Otis Gipson	SW	19			
Deborah Austin	SE	22			
Edward Parsley	SE	24			
Leonard Miller	SE	28			

Central Office

Volunteers Needed for State Fair

Volunteers are needed to work the Transportation Exposition Center in Sedalia during the Missouri State Fair. The fair runs from Thursday, August 9, through Sunday, August 19.

The work day schedule is comprised of a morning and afternoon shift, with a short orientation prior to each shift.

Any full-time Central Office employee may apply with approval from his/her supervisor. If interested contact Holly Denter via email at DENTNH1 and she

will provide you a volunteer form. The form provides all the information you will need on working the fair. Forms must be received no later than Friday, July 6, so you must act fast.

We are primarily looking for workers on weekends and on August 10, which is MoDOT Day at the Fair. District employees will cover the weekday shifts and we will fill in with Central Office employees where needed.

Reinkemeyer Receives Award

Senior Traffic Studies Specialist Ashley Reinkemeyer was recently awarded Young Engineer of the Year for the state of Missouri by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers. Ashley received the award at the MSPE annual convention in Branson “for outstanding achievement in engineering, education, professional and humanitarian activities.” She is now qualified for the Nation Young Engineer of the Year award by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Congratulations Ashley!



Now Available Online ASCE Publications

by A.J. Million

Engineering journals and handbooks aren’t cheap. For example, the most recent edition of the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” costs over \$120.00! And, as publishers move online, it’s getting harder to share and borrow publications. Digital files are different than physical ones. Fortunately, MoDOT employees have a way to obtain this material.

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Digital Library is a subscription database offered through

the MoDOT Library. Articles from 33 journals are saved in .pdf format dating as far back as 1983. Accessible at: www.ascelibrary.org these articles can be downloaded at work using any Internet connection.

For those not familiar with the MoDOT Library, it’s a repository managed by the Construction & Materials Research Section. With over 12,500 print and digital items, and access to hundreds of thousands more, the Library provides research assistance, customized

literature searches and transportation database training to staff. Connections are also offered to other DOT libraries.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/modot.asp> or contact A.J. Million, Librarian at: (573) 526-5508. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Secretary of State’s Office.



The Last Printed Copy of Connections Looking Back and Ahead

by Tammy Wallace

This edition is the last printed copy of Connections. Beginning in August the newsletter will be provided in an online format only.

It’s funny, that saying about the more things change the more they stay the same, really does hold true. Let’s look back at some of the headlines from the statewide pages and see what was going on at MoDOT when that first edition of Connections was printed in September 2004. What was important then is still important now, the similarities are uncanny. It truly shows we are continually working to improve our transportation system, perfecting our processes to work more efficiently, communicating with employees and saving lives. And of course there always seems to be something going on with funding.

- First Missouri Tunnel Opens – Article and photos of the Lindbergh Tunnel beneath Lambert St. Louis International Airport.
- Taking Care of What We Have – A photo of a cinder seal operation in the Northeast District where three maintenance buildings teamed up to do the work.
- New Incident Management Program Attempts to Save Lives – The Traffic Division conducted research and implemented strategies as a way to reduce congestion and make life safer for motorists and first responders.
- New Communication Tools Fill Information Gap – An article about the new publication itself, Connections, geared to refine communication with employees and the public.

- An Opportunity for Missouri Transportation – An article written by Bill McKenna, then chair of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, regarding Amendment 3, and that if passed in November, would provide an additional \$180 - \$190 million a year in revenue.

Countless employees across the state have contributed to the publication over the years. We thank them for helping us make this a great publication, and look forward to working with them as we continue the online version. Customer relations managers and staff in Central Office and in the districts have and will continue to make Connections a relevant publication for employees.

Although there have been many contributors and editors over the years, there has only been one graphic designer responsible for layout of the statewide and central office pages and final layout of the entire publication, Senior Community Relations Specialist Dennis Forbis. He has ensured a high level of quality in the design, consistency and timeliness of each edition. His diligence and expertise has been appreciated.

The new online version will continue to bring you all of the statewide and district news. In case you hadn’t caught it in the last two editions, the new online version will:

- Be a fully electronic newsletter published every other Thursday, beginning in August
- Be distributed to employees via email and posted on the MoDOT and MPERS websites www.modot.org and www.mpers.org
- Be printed (one copy) by building supervisors to share with those whose access to email is limited

Retirees will have to view the publication on the internet. For convenience, retirees can sign up to receive an email notification each time the new online version of Connections is published. The email will provide a link to the most recent newsletter. Simply visit the website at www.modot.org/eupdate to sign up to our E-Update System and select the “Connections” option.

You can view the first 2004 edition on the Connections web page at <http://www.modot.mo.gov/newsandinfo/connections/index.htm>.

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Northwest District

Welcome Rock Port

by M. Elaine Justus



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The newest welcome center in Missouri sits on Interstate 29 just south of Rock Port, Mo. A dedication ceremony and official opening was held Wednesday, June 27.

A dedication ceremony for the new Rock Port Welcome Center was held on Wednesday, June 27. Each new welcome center in the state has been given a theme, and the Rock Port facility's theme is "Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy: Past & Present." In line with that theme, MoDOT is taking a number of proactive steps to secure LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the facility:

- Used the existing site with minimal tree removal
- Ground source heat pump
- Energy-efficient lighting with occupancy sensors
- Hot water circulator
- Low-volume toilet fixtures with flush sensors
- Temperature-controlled vending machines
- Sand-filtered waste water treatment
- Low watering required and drought resistant plantings

I'm a Safe Driver

by Melissa Black

For five years now, the Northwest Regional Blueprint Coalition has been a participating member of the "I'm a Safe Driver" campaign in St. Joseph area high schools. The campaign reaches out to high school students by having them register at the beginning of the school

year with a pledge to drive responsibly. Once a month, throughout the school year, registration cards are drawn for free prizes and, at the end of the year, those winners are put into a drawing for a free car.



Melissa Black

Automobile dealership owner Cecil Meyers and Officer Richard Bradley of the St. Joseph Police Department joined together on May 19 to present the keys to a 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer to Theron Freeman Benson, who attends LeBlond High School.

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Blue Ribbon Panel

by Melissa Black

St. Joseph hosted the Blue Ribbon Meeting on Monday, May 21, at the Northwest District Office. Twenty seven speakers came to voice their

needs and suggestions for transportation to the six-member panel during the two-hour long meeting.



Melissa Black

Northwest District employees helped to register the attendees.



Melissa Black

Twenty seven speakers came to address the panel.

Trenton High School - Arrives Alive

by Shannon Skoglund

The Family Career and Community Leaders of America of Trenton High School sponsored a day of participation and learning about safe driving on April 12. Young drivers got a chance to experience texting & driving, crash impacts and rollover results.



Shannon Skoglund

Trooper Curtis Acree convinces a teacher to personally try out the Seatbelt Convincer and experience the effects of a low speed crash.



Shannon Skoglund

Young drivers signed their names to cards and posters pledging to buckle up.



Shannon Skoglund

Putting on the event were: (front row) Teacher and FCCLA sponsor Connie Hoffman; Grundy Co. Health Dept. Jennifer Westcott; Trooper Curtis Acree; Trooper Nicolas Greiner; THS Principal Dan Weibers; (back row) MSHP Chaplain Steve Branblett; Corporal Adam McAtee; Trooper Jason Daly; MoDOT Tammy Meneely; Sergeant Sheldon Lyon. Not pictured: Sergeant Shawn Skoglund; Trooper Lucas Lowe; Insurance Agent Jacob Black and MoDOT Shannon Skoglund.

District Office AAH

by Melissa Black



Melissa Black

Helping with the trash pick up in June were Russ O'Daniell, Loyde Anderson, Don Wichern, Joseph Turner, Cindy Gamache and Chris Cole. Also participating was Melissa Black, who took this photograph.

The weather was just perfect on Friday, June 8, when seven members of the district staff volunteered to help clean up MoDOT's adopted section of U.S. Highway 169 (also known as the Belt

Highway) in front of our office. The Belt Highway in St. Joseph is the most heavily traveled road in Northwest Missouri, which seems to translate into the most trash, unfortunately.

Northeast District

Airport Rehab Makes for Smoother Ride

Complete with a fly over, pilots, dignitaries and the ceremonial ribbon, local and state officials celebrated the completion of an apron rehabilitation project at the Omar Bradley Regional Airport in Moberly. In addition to smoother aprons on the runway and taxiway, the project included new tie-downs, so there are spaces for more aircraft to land at the airport.

“MoDOT issued a State Block Grant Agreement to reimburse the City for 95% of the project costs using federal Airport Improvement Program funds,” explained Amy Ludwig, MoDOT’s administration of aviation. The project cost about \$1 million, and the city of Moberly contributed about \$50,000. The City receives \$150,000 in federal airport funding



Amy Ludwig, MoDOT’s administrator of aviation, addresses a large crowd at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new airport improvements at the Omar Bradley Airport in Moberly.

each year, and local officials says more improvements are planned.

Located along the West Outer Road on the north side of Moberly, the airport was built in 1940.

Weather Enjoyable for Bridge Inspections

Skip Wilson and Joe McNeill weren’t complaining when their schedules included assisting the bridge division with inspections on the Mississippi River. “We evaluated scour in the river bed near all of the piers and navigation channel of the Mark Twain Memorial Bridge, and, yes, the weather was impeccable,” Skip said, smiling. However, he reminds readers inspectors are sort of like postal carriers... they’re out doing inspections in rain, hail, snow and ice.



Skip Wilson and Terry Wilson are enjoying the boat ride to the dock after inspection of scour on the Mark Twain Memorial Bridge in Hannibal.

They inspected the Mississippi River bed near the Mark Twain Memorial Bridge in Hannibal and bridges on the Salt River and Noix Creek in Ralls and Pike Counties. “Our initial evaluation indicates acceptable scour levels at these locations, but the bridge division will do the in-depth evaluation of the scour inspections,” Skip said.

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Around the district...



The NE District is chip sealing about 175 miles of roads this summer as a preventive maintenance measure, using maintenance crews and contracted services. The Elsberry crew is pictured above on a chip seal job on Route H in Pike County.



Cavemen fans....The NE Coalition for Roadway Safety sponsored a Hannibal Cavemen collegiate baseball game, and about 25 MoDOT and Coalition members showed up to enjoy the Cavemen win. (left to right) Julie Neisen, Holly Thronson, her husband, Dan (looking away), and Donna Skeen enjoyed the game. (Inset) Teri Zeiger has fun with the Cavemen mascot, Shoeless Joe.



Before...during...after....the outer road off of US 36 between Macon and Long Branch Lake got a much-needed makeover this spring.



Every year, Ed Hess of Palmyra maintenance, and his family participate in the annual Flag Day Parade to share safety messages. This year, two new additions to the family helped spread the word...Ed's twin granddaughters, Aubrey and Audie, shown in the toy cars. Ed's nephew, Holden, and grandson, Axel walked with them while holding the “Watch for Motorcycles” signs. Ed says it's a fun, family event, and they enjoy not only doing it together, but also sharing safety messages.

Kansas City District

Commission in KC for June Meeting

by Steve Porter

In baseball terms, putting three Ks on the board mean three strikeouts. But for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, it was more like hitting for the cycle, said Commissioner Stephen Miller.

The Commission held its June monthly meeting at the Kauffman Foundation near the Country Club Plaza on Wednesday. The meeting followed a tour a day earlier of the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Kansas City, and an evening watching the Kansas City Royals shut out the Minnesota Twins 1-0 at Kauffman Stadium. Commissioner Miller noted how the legacy of Ewing and Muriel Kauffman has made such a positive impact on the Kansas City community.

MoDOT Director Kevin Keith lauded the Kansas City District's CDL Training Program, which helped 115 underserved individuals earn their commercial drivers license. The cooperative program that included area churches and organizations, initially set out to help people pass the written test for the CDL. It was expanded to provide hands-on experience and training using MoDOT trucks and instructors. The Kansas City District surpassed its goal of 100 fully licensed drivers by helping 115 people obtain their CDL.

Recognized for their efforts to organize the training were MoDOT employees A.J. Byrd, Jim Fight and Delores Goetz. Three of the 15 participants in the program who earned their CDLs and are now employed by MoDOT, John Carr, Randy Valerio and Alan Williams, were introduced to the Commission.

The Commission approved a \$2.22 billion operating budget for FY2013. It is \$217 million less than last year's budget, and \$679 million less than four years ago. Although it is the smallest budget since FY2006, MoDOT Chief Financial Officer Roberta Broeker informed the Commission that the STIP will have a \$700 million construction program, \$100 million more than had been anticipated a year ago, thanks to cost-saving measures of successfully implementing the Bolder Five-Year Direction.

In his legislative update, Governmental Relations Director Jay Wunderlich noted that tolling, public - private partnerships and implementation of the Bolder Five-Year Direction were issues drawing the Missouri General Assembly's attention during the session completed in May. He said MoDOT's staff reduction of 1,200 employees and the reduction of inventory, property and equipment that will save \$512 million

over the next five years to be put into roads sent a strong message to legislators and citizens that the department is doing its part to be efficient and provide best value for every dollar spent.

Wunderlich said discussion of rebuilding I-70 initiated an important dialogue regarding the department's funding shortfall. While no decision was made and nothing was passed by the General Assembly to solve the transportation funding dilemma, "Citizens now understand there is a real need," he said.

The General Assembly passed one law of particular significance to MoDOT employees – a change to the "Move Over" law that will include MoDOT workers among those protected. This change was one of the commission's

highest priorities for the legislative session and enhances MoDOT's safety initiatives by requiring that drivers move over or slow down when approaching MoDOT vehicles that are displaying flashing amber or white lights.

Also passed was a law to require a medical database of all commercial drivers license holders, effective August 29.

The Commission also awarded a contract for relocation of the north outer road of I-70 in Grain Valley to Radmacher Brothers Excavation Co. The \$13,373,704 construction project is expected to begin this summer. The project is the final improvement in the Kansas City District made possible through Amendment 3 funds.



Jennifer Benefield

Members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission toured the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday, June 5. From left to right: Chairman Rudy Farber, Vice Chair Grace Nichols, Commissioner Ken Suelthaus and Commissioner Stephen Miller held their June monthly meeting the following day at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City.

Scout's TIM Message Hits the Road

by Gina Myles

Rusty James, Kansas City Scout's Incident Management Coordinator, took his traffic incident management message on the road to Washington D.C. where he addressed the ITS America National Conference. The conference was held at the Gaylord National Hotel, in National Harbor, MD. May 21-23. Eric Rensel, of Gannett-Fleming, sought James out to request he make a presentation at a session on Traffic Incident Management. His topic was the latest technology in crash investigation.

James spoke about LIDAR based equipment which utilizes laser speed measurement equipment to complete a forensic map of an incident scene and Photogrammetry, a system that utilizes a number of photographs

and reference points to construct a forensic map of an incident scene. Additionally he addressed the use of 3-D digital scanning of incident scenes and Total Stations which are the use of equipment that was traditionally used for surveying to complete a forensic map of an incident scene.

"There have been tremendous changes in the technology that is used in the investigation of crashes over the years," said James. "However, this equipment is useless unless we have the human interaction — this equipment, in and of itself, will not clear incidents quicker."

If the new technology is presented and used properly, it is an incentive to do the job differently than before. It allows responders to think more about



Kansas City Scout's Incident Management Coordinator, Rusty James, addresses the National ITS America Conference in May at the Gaylord National Hotel located in National Harbor, Md.

how to keep the highway open and traffic flowing rather than closing the highway for an investigation. The result on the Scout system has been a tremendous reduction in incident related congestion, and a dramatic reduction in clearance times. "The most impressive result is that the incident scenes on our highways are safer for

responders than they have ever been in the 36 years that I have worked in the area of traffic safety," said James. Scout's Traffic Incident Management program continues to gain national notoriety under James' lead. His expertise makes him one of the most highly sought-after speakers on the regional, and more recently, national level.

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Central District

Route 54 Project on List of Work Zones to Watch For

To help ensure carefree travels this summer, MoDOT has developed a list of 10 work zones to be on the lookout for. Although MoDOT’s construction budget is about half what it was a year ago, drivers will still encounter significant work zones as MoDOT and its contractors work to preserve the state transportation system in the best fashion possible with the resources available.

In Central District, the intersection improvement work on Route 54 was deemed the project to watch out for as it affects travel to the Lake of the Ozarks, a popular summer destination.

Work began in May to improve several

intersections along the route from Route CC south of Jefferson City to Hickory Hill/Clark Fork Road. The project includes a variety of safety improvement strategies, including acceleration and deceleration lanes, offset turn lanes, lighting and other lane modifications.

Work is taking place during the day and will involve periodic lane drops. The route carries approximately 22,500 vehicles per day. The improvements are scheduled for completion by fall of 2012.

For the complete list of work zones to be on the alert for, visit www.modot.org.



Work is under way to improve several intersections along Route 54 between Route CC south of Jefferson City to Hickory Hill/Clark Fork Road.

Online Auction A Success

The Central District’s recent online sale of excess tools and equipment from the consolidation of its central Missouri facilities was a big success. The sale brought in almost \$47,000 that will go toward road and bridge projects.

Among the almost 200 items sold through GovDeals.com from June 12-18 were air compressors, generators, drill presses, welders, anvils, lawn mowers, floor jacks and tools. A 15-foot rotary mower and a John

Deere 655 lawn tractor were the biggest money makers in the auction. Buyers were able to view the items at the Tipton maintenance facility.

“This was the most efficient and effective way for us to move a lot of miscellaneous items we no longer needed as a result of consolidating our facilities,” said Coleen Welter, General Services Manager. “The sale received some good media coverage, and we were pleased with the response and the results we achieved.”

No MOre Trash! Bash 2012

Congratulations to the Central District’s Adopt-A-Highway volunteers who picked up the most trash – 4,355 bags – during this year’s No MOre Trash! Bash. Central District volunteers also picked up the second highest

number of bags of trash - 24,009 - and held the most outreach and educational efforts - 17. Overall, 130,000 bags of litter were picked up in April. Thanks to Dianna Johnson, senior traffic technician, for leading the district’s campaign efforts.

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Staffing News

Trent Brooks was named the Central District’s Traffic Engineer on May 1. He replaced Matt Myers who left the department for a job in the private sector. Trent had previously served the Central District as a project manager.

As the district’s traffic engineer, Trent plans and coordinates all traffic engineering issues for the district, including traffic control devices, signing, marking, signals, permits and lighting. Trent has worked at MoDOT since 1993, and has held positions in Traffic, Maintenance and Project Development.



Gidget Mott

On June 1, Gidget Mott assumed the project manager position vacated by Trent’s promotion. Gidget is one of three project managers at the district who coordinate the project development side of highway construction. She coordinates the construction project scoping process, directs project core teams and maintains project budgets and schedules.

Gidget has worked for MoDOT since 2000 in the Construction, Planning, and Design divisions.



Trent Brooks

Route U Bridge Opens in Pulaski County



Cutting the ribbon to open the Route U bridge near Crocker in Pulaski County are, from left to right: MoDOT Central District Engineer David Silvester, Miller County Commissioner Brian Duncan, Crocker Mayor James Morgan (cutting ribbon), MoDOT Area Engineer Preston Kramer, Pulaski County Presiding Commissioner Gene Newkirk (cutting ribbon), MoDOT Safe & Sound Bridge Coordinator Susan Ball and Pulaski County Sheriff J.B. King.

Barricade Billy



Barrel Bob now has company in the campaign to build work zone awareness. “Barricade Billy” was created by Andrew Duckworth of KTU Constructors, the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program contractor, as part of a Work Zone Awareness Week competition. Made of barricades and toggle cones, Barricade Billy is nine and a half feet tall and weighs 135 pounds. He made his debut at the Route 32 Safe & Sound bridge near Salem.

St. Louis District

St. Louis Celebrates ARRA Milestone

by Andrew Gates



Crews finish pouring concrete on Ladue Road over Woods Mill Road, which is the southwestern part of the Route 141 relocation project.

Work is underway to celebrate the completion of MoDOT’s largest project funded by money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Work on a \$45 million project to relocate about two miles of Route 141 and raise it out of the flood plain is about two weeks away from completion and a celebration of more than three years of design and construction.

In conjunction with the Route 141 project, St. Louis County will also open up their Page-Olive Connector, which stretches from the end of the Route 141 project to the Maryland Heights Expressway in St. Louis County. Route 141 and the Page-Olive Connector equate to a more than \$100 million investment in the infrastructure of St. Louis County. These two projects complete a long-standing vision to create a two-lane roadway from U.S. Route 61/67 in Jef-

erson County to Route 370 in St. Louis County.

As part of the completion, MoDOT and St. Louis County are planning several events for the roadway on Saturday, July 14. Events include a race, an opportunity for people to walk or bike on sections of the new roadway and a ribbon cutting event. People interested in attending the ribbon cutting can park at the Parkway Central school complex at 369 North Woods Mill Road in Chesterfield. To register for the race, people can surf to: <http://bigshark.com/about/2012-route-141-run-to-get-it-done-10k-pg853.htm>.

Route 141 Ribbon Cutting Event:

- Run registration – 6 a.m.
- Run start – 7:30 a.m.
- Open run/walk/bike – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Ribbon cutting event - 10 a.m.



The newly relocated Route 141 is two weeks away from completion.

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New River Bridge Towers Reach Its Highest Point

by Andrew Gates



The Mississippi River Bridge project between St. Louis and St. Clair County, Illinois, has reached another milestone. Crews have nearly completed the two 400-foot towers in the Mississippi River for the bridge and have started work to build the substructure for the driving surface. Crews have positioned the two edge girders into place on each tower. These girders rest across the tower base and will be the first cable connections between the roadway and the tower.

As someone who’s overseen construction on the bridge since the beginning, one of the construction inspectors is ready to move to the next step on the bridge.

“It’s exciting to be wrapping up the towers. We’ve been building up for the last two years. It will be good to start building out,” said Chris Morgan, senior construction inspector.

The project director agrees. “This is a fantastic milestone for us, and for the project. The two towers are the most noticeable portion of the bridge and can be seen for many miles around the city. Getting these completed means that we are getting very close to having the bridge ready and open to traffic in about a year and a half,” said Greg Horn, MRB project director.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, as well as local, state and Federal officials, took a recent tour of the project to celebrate the completion of the towers. The tour on one of the Gateway Arch riverboats took the officials to a point on the river between the two towers.

Kickoff to a New Safety Culture

by Kara Price

In the last month, district risk management held training for supervisors, educating them on the upcoming safety culture policies and procedures effective July 1.

St. Louis welcomes Dr. Mike Schaefer, owner and trainer of Powerlift Company, on July 10 to train a group of employees on how to effectively apply his new lifting techniques to reduce injuries. Dr. Schaefer will spend the morning in the field with safety leaders learning what MoDOT employees do and how to apply his lifting techniques.

Then the training will be held later that day with selected trainers, applying what he learned about MoDOT that morning. This district event will help kick off this new statewide lifting program.

MoDOT will kick off the new “Safety Jackpot” program this month, which replaces the previous “Safety Pays” program.

David Welch, National Account Manager, is coming to St. Louis on July 17 to get employees excited about safety and earning prizes. He will bring out sample prizes and ensure all employees understand how to utilize the new program and educate them on their responsibility to keep track of their safety incentive cards and redeem them for prizes and enter cash drawings.

The presentation, including a question and answer session, will take about one hour and will be held at the Signing & Striping Building at Barrett Station. It is important that all employees working on July 17 who are eligible for the incentive program attend in order to get everyone excited about this enticing program that rewards Safe Results.

Statistics show that employees who have an understanding of the program and how it works are dedicated to the program and injuries are significantly reduced!



These cards are part of an incentive to the new safety program.

Southwest District



Bob Edwards

Southwest District at Work

1. Greenfield Maintenance Crew Leader Michael Douty runs a grader as the crew lays long patches on Polk County Route W near Eudora.
2. Visiting with a customer at a public meeting in Strafford on a turn-lane project are Transportation Project Manager Stacy Reese, left, and Senior Highway Designer Aaron Jaeger.
3. Springfield Senior Construction Technician Jimmy Couffer, right, fills cylinders to test concrete strength for a section of new pavement on Route 65 at Route 60 in Springfield. The third-party inspector is Gary Mau of Anderson Engineering.

Citizens Panel Seeks Transportation Funding Solutions

by Bob Edwards

A strong transportation system is vital to the economic health of southwest Missouri, government and business leaders from across the region told members of a statewide group looking into transportation needs.

10 Several of the transportation advocates in the Southwest District also said that if a funding package is proposed to pay for improvements, voters must be shown specifically how the money will be spent.

“You need to tell them what you’re going to do for them,” Newton County Presiding Commissioner Marilyn Ruestman said.

Peter Herschend, whose family owns Silver Dollar City and other entertainment venues, said if a statewide funding package cannot be fashioned, individual regions in the state should

be allowed to develop and vote on their own proposal. It’s his “Plan B.”

“If you think it wouldn’t be controversial, you’re wrong,” Herschend said. “But what I’m looking at is at least laying on the table an alternative to a central (statewide) taxation.”

These and other comments were made during a hearing sponsored by the Missouri House Speaker’s Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee on Transportation Needs. The meeting, lasting just over three hours and drawing 172 people, was June 1 at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Similar sessions are being held in every part of the state through this summer.

At the June 1 hearing, MoDOT Director Kevin Keith outlined why state and federal funding is declining and noted that the state’s needs keep increasing. Dis-

trict Engineer Becky Baltz told committee members that the fast-growing Southwest District alone has unfunded transportation needs totaling between \$925 million and \$1.1 billion.

Various participants discussed major projects they think should be built. Others cited the need for shoulders on the busier two-lane roads, building more accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians, providing more transit services in cities and rural areas alike, making sure aviation and rail service play a role, providing help to counties for new bridges and continuing to push for a stronger seat-belt use law.

Tax measures suggested included asking voters to increase the fuel tax, implement a transportation sales tax, tax vehicle miles traveled, increase registration fees, develop public-private partnerships or various combinations of those measures.

Here is some of the testimony:

■ J. Howard Fisk, owner of Fisk Limousines, Springfield: More vehicles will be produced that do not depend entirely on gasoline for power, and those drivers must pay their fair share to use the

roads. “Miles driven is an important consideration.”

■ Steve Stockham, Joplin Regional Airport manager: “Everything that touches Missouri involves transportation.” All modes of transportation, including aviation, should be supported.

■ C.W. Williams, transportation director with O’Reilly Automotive, Springfield: Safety improvements must be continued on rural roads and by doing so “you’re bringing to more rural areas the opportunity to grow.”

■ Pam Holt of Mercy Hospital, Springfield: A decrease in funding will cause Missouri to slide back from the safety gains MoDOT has made in recent years. “We need to invest in transportation so we can save lives ... and as a result have a healthier economy.”

■ J.D. Kehrman, Nevada city administrator: Link job creation to transportation investment. “If you want to have a conversation with the people who are my neighbors about funding transportation into the future, ... you need to talk about what jobs are we going to create.”

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Southeast District

Safe & Sound Project in Madison County

The Southeast District’s portion of the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program is drawing to a close. Replacing the Route 72 overpass over Route 67 in Madison County will be one of the final projects to be completed. Demolition was completed on June 9, and construction is expected to be completed in early August. The new overpass will have improved vertical clearance for Route 67 traffic. For more information, please visit www.modot.org/southeast/safeandsound.htm



Demolition of the Route 72 overpass over Route 67 in Madison County was completed ahead of schedule, allowing Route 67 traffic to resume normal operations in less than 24 hours.

Thanks to MoDOT’s Pothole Patrol

Varying temperatures coupled with moisture in the cracks and joints of pavement creates the perfect situation for a troublesome pothole to develop. Luckily, for Missouri’s motorists, MoDOT maintenance crews are on patrol.

Potholes are more prevalent in the spring due to rising daytime temperatures and cool nighttime temperatures. Rain and snow from the winter months leaves moisture in cracks and joints of the pavement, which then freezes and expands the pavement as the temperature drops overnight. The expansion causes the pavement to bulge and crack. When cars travel over the pavement, it will eventually cause chunks of the pavement to pop out.

Although spring is over, MoDOT crews continue to keep an eye out for potholes with the increase in travel during the summer. In addition, motorists are encouraged to contact MoDOT if they encounter an area in need of repair.

Customers may report potholes online at <http://www.modot.org/asp/repair.htm> or by calling 1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636).

Notes thanking the Southeast District crews for completing pothole repairs are included below.

I am a member of the Hartville Free-will Baptist Church, and because I work for MoDOT, I was asked to see about having a pothole fixed that was in front of our entrance. I made a call to Wayne Shaver, and the very next day it was fixed. The people at my church thought that I had some type of pull. I explained to them that this is typical of the people at MoDOT. They requested that I send to the people of the Hartville shed how much they appreciated the quick response. After the church had spent money on paving the parking lot, it meant a lot to them that this pothole wouldn't expand into the parking lot. Once again, thank you Hartville shed.

-Mr. Curtis Dowden

The crew is awesome. I called, and they were so fast and quick to act on my concern. Please pass along a thank you to all.

-Ms. Lynette Randall, in regards to repairs at the intersection of Routes Y and 61 in Bloomsdale.

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SE District Schedules Auctions to Sell Former Maintenance Lots

On-Site Auctions to be Held July 11 & 12

MoDOT’s Southeast District is currently preparing to hold live auctions to sell four of its former maintenance lots. The parcels are located in Goodhope, Naylor, Licking and Zalma.

“These facilities are no longer needed to build, improve or maintain Missouri’s highway system,” said Right of Way Manager Sherry Glastetter. “Selling these properties through the Realty to Roads program benefits taxpayers because the funds generated are dedicated to roadway improvements.”

She added that ridding of excess right of way also saves maintenance costs, reduces liability and puts the property back on the tax rolls to the advantage of local communities.

The following parcels will be available at the live auctions:

- Douglas County-Goodhope Maintenance Lot
- 5.71 acres, Shop Buildings, Route 76 Frontage.
- Ripley County-Naylor Maintenance Lot
- 2 acres, Shop Buildings, Route 142 Frontage.
- Texas County-Licking Maintenance Lot
- 4.15 acres, Shop Buildings, Route 137 Frontage.
- Bollinger County-Zalma Maintenance Lot
- 3.8 acres, Shop Buildings, Route 51 Frontage.

Live auctions for the Zalma and Naylor facilities will be held on Wednesday,

July 11, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively. Live auctions for the Goodhope and Licking facilities will be held on Thursday, July 12, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

“We held an open house for each parcel, and perspective buyers were encouraged to attend to view the properties prior to the live auctions,” said Glastetter.

Open houses were held on Tuesday, June 26 for Zalma and Goodhope and Thursday, June 28 for Licking and Naylor. MoDOT personnel was available on-site at each facility during the scheduled dates from 4 to 6 p.m.

In addition, interested parties may view photos, videos and additional details about the properties online at www.modot.org/southeast/realtytoroads.htm.

Bidding will commence at the prescribed time, and no bids will be accepted prior to the live auctions. Bids must be submitted during the live auctions. Phone bids will not be accepted. All sales are subject to final approval by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. The properties will be sold in “as is” condition.

For additional information, please contact Right of Way Specialist Michael Smith at (573) 472-5286, Intermediate Right of Way Specialist Eric Kaut at (417) 469-6296 or via email at SERealtytoRoads@modot.mo.gov.



The former Goodhope maintenance facility is a 5.71-acre parcel, located on the east side Route 76 near the Route T intersection. The property has approximately 680 feet of frontage along Route 76 and a paved entrance from Route 76.



The former Licking maintenance facility is a 4.15-acre parcel, located on the west side of Route 137. The property has approximately 246 feet of frontage along Route 137. Access to the property is available from a paved entrance from Route 137.



The former Naylor maintenance facility is a 2-acre parcel, located along Route 142. The main entrance to the site is located near the center of the property along Route 142. Route 142 is not a controlled access corridor.



The former Zalma maintenance facility is a 3.8-acre parcel, located along Route 51. The main entrance to the site is located near the center of the property along Route 51. Route 51 is not a controlled access corridor.

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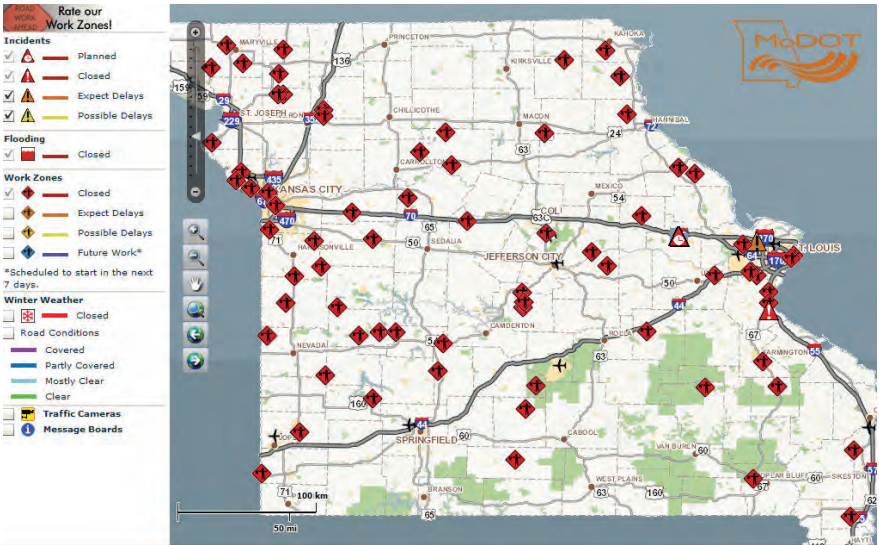
Work Zones To Watch Out For

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Although our construction budget is about half what it was a year ago, drivers will still encounter significant work zones as MoDOT personnel and our contractors work to preserve the state transportation system in the best fashion possible with the resources available.

The list provides information on how the work zones will affect travel and for how long. Information on work zones statewide is available up to a week in advance on the Traveler Information Map located on the website.

As in previous years, we ask that motorists rate our work zones. The survey can be taken right on our website and helps us continue making improvements.



The Traveler Information Map offers up-to-date road condition and work zone information 24-hours a day.

Besides these highway improvements, more than 90 bridges are scheduled for work this year to complete the department’s Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. In almost all cases, the bridges will be closed during construction to lower the cost and allow for speedy completion. A map show-

ing bridge construction schedules and available detours is also available.

Details on these and other work zones, the work zone survey and the Safe and Sound bridge closures can all be found on the website – www.modot.org

Daily Connections Pilot Program Now In Progress

A new pilot program has been launched to help improve internal communication.

Right now, Daily Connections is providing live information to employees in 14 different maintenance buildings throughout the state. Using a “digital signage” approach, computer monitors have been placed in public areas of the buildings so employees can get up-to-date info throughout the week.

Messages will include policy updates, human resource announcements, safety messages, video feeds and just about anything else employees need to know.

The pilot program lasts through July 15. Participating employees are asked to take a survey giving Customer Relations input on their opinion and reaction to the communications method.

The survey can be found electronically at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012DailyConnectionsSurvey>

Employees who don’t have access to computers will be given a hard copy survey at the end of the pilot and the groups will be interviewed by CR staff. To view Daily Connections in action, visit <http://www.intranet/dailyconnections/>

Major Work Zones for 2012

- Central District**
Cole County, Jefferson City, US Route 54 intersection improvements
- Kansas City District**
Clay and Jackson Counties, Route 169/Broadway Extension ‘bin wall’ replacement
Jackson County, Route 150 at Botts/Thunderbird
Cass County, Route 71 bridge at Routes C & J in Peculiar
- Northwest District**
Buchanan County, Interstate 29 from Route O to Platte County

- Northeast District**
Marion County, US Route 61 in Palmyra
Lincoln County, US Route 61/South Lincoln Drive in Troy
- St. Louis District**
City of St. Louis, I-64 Double-Deck rehabilitation work
St. Louis County, Interstate 270 between Route 100 (Manchester) and Interstate 44
St. Charles County, I-70 Blanchette Bridge over the Missouri River

- Southeast District**
Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Cape Girardeau and Scott Counties, Interstate 55 improvements
- Southwest District**
Vernon and Cass Counties, US Route 71 upgrade to Interstate 49
Greene County, Route 60/65 interchange reconstruction in Springfield
Benton County, Route 65 four-laning between Lincoln and Warsaw